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Agenda for Followup to Application #10/761,894

To Examiner Paul Kang, per our discussion Friday, I'm submitting the following agenda for our next discussion. Application # 10/761,894

Agenda

Claim 1:

Per our discussion, it was suggested that the following amendment to the preamble would address the Examiner's concern regarding potential §101 issues.

1. An A networked computer system comprising an unsolicited message rejecting communications processor connected between message transfer agents MTA_0 with an Internet address IP_0, a from-address A_0, a declared domain D_0, and a real domain DD_0, and MTA_1 with an Internet address IP_1, a domain D_1, and a to-address A_1 comprising:

Claim 18:

Applicant would like to retain a broader method claim than claim 17. If the Examiner does not have any suggestions for adding a limitation to claim 18 to address his concerns regarding the breadth of claim 18, Applicant proposes to replace 18 with a method claim with similar limitations to claim 1 which the Examiner found allowable.

A method in a networked computer system comprising an unsolicited message rejecting communications processor connected between message transfer agents MTA_0 and MTA_1, said method comprising:

monitoring communications between MTA_0 and MTA_1; determining if the communications contains a message that is unsolicited; and intercepting a .\r\n end-of-message indicator reply from MTA_0, forcing MTA_0 to QUIT its connection with the unsolicited message rejecting communications processor by

sending an error reply to MTA_0 if the message is determined to be unsolicited;

wherein the unsolicited message rejecting communications processor does not intercept communications between MTA_0 and MTA_1 before a .\r\n end-of-message indicator reply from MTA_0 is received by the unsolicited message rejecting communications processor.

Claim 19:

Applicant would like to keep claim 19, but does not have any immediate suggestions for an amendment. Applicant would solicit any suggestions by the Examiner.

You may contact me on my mobile phone 858-382-7513. I look forward to resolving the last remaining issues.

Best Regards,

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